ENROLLED MINUTES OF THE
HIGHLAND WATER WORKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

Regular Meeting: The Highland Water Works Board of Directors met in a Regular Plenary Session on Thursday, June 25, 2026, in the meeting room of the Highland Public Works Building, 8001 Kennedy Ave., Highland, Indiana. President Smith opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., with no study session. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were recorded by Kim Webb, Recording Secretary.

Roll Call: Present on roll call were Directors George A. Smith, Rick Volbrecht, Ray Borowiec, Bernie Zemen, and Peggy Phillips. A quorum was present. Also present were Alex Robertson, Town Council; Robert Tweedle, Board Attorney; Derek Snyder, NIES Engineering; Mark Knesek, Public Works Director; and Kim Webb, Recording Secretary.

Minutes: President Smith asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Plenary Meeting of May 28, 2026, as prepared and posted. Director Volbrecht moved to approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2026, meeting. Director Borowiec seconded. Upon a voice vote, there were (5) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

Special Orders: None.

Communications: A letter received by a resident residing at 2113 Birchwood Lane regarding a running toilet. The resident requested an adjustment to her bill due to financial hardship. The resident was contacted and informed that all water passing through the meter is considered billable. Payment plans are available to assist customers experiencing financial hardship.

Comments from the Public or Visitors (Limited to Matters on the Agenda): None.

Reports:

1. Water Works Superintendent – None.

2. Water Works Attorney – None.

3. Water Works Engineer – Derek Snyder will discuss with the Board the Dual 20-Inch Water Supply Line Replacement Project under Unfinished Business and General Orders.

4. Fire Department – None.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

1. Water Works District of Highland
   Board of Directors
   Resolution No. 2026-08

   A Joint Resolution of the Highland Redevelopment Commission and the Water Works Board of Directors accepting and awarding a Bid to Grimmer Construction, Inc. for the Dual 20-inch Water Supply Line Replacement Project, located between the south side of the Little Calumet River and the Bradley Pump Station in the amount of $1,377,188.00 as the lowest responsive and responsible bid. Director Borowiec moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-08. Discussion ensued. Director Volbrecht seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were (5) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

WATER WORKS DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND
BOARD OF WATER WORKS DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE WATER WORKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPTING AND AWARDING A BID TO GRIMMER CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE DUAL 20-INCH WATER SUPPLY LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, LOCATED BETWEEN THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER AND THE BRADLEY PUMP STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,377,188.00 AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BID

Whereas, The Water Works District of Highland (WW District), through its Board of Directors pursuant to IC 8-1.5-4 and IC 36-1-12, has determined the need to replace the existing dual 20-inch water supply lines between the south side of the Little Calumet River and the Bradley Pump Station, in order to improve water flow and water quality and has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Water Works District to coordinate the work with the related project; and

Whereas, The Board of Directors of the Water Works District and the Redevelopment Commission have agreed to share in the construction costs and engineering services necessary to complete the work; and

Whereas, NIES Engineering, Inc. prepared plans and specifications for the Project on behalf of the Highland Redevelopment Commission and the Water Works District; the Project was bid in accordance with IC 36-1-12 *et seq.,* and notice was published in accordance with IC 5-3-1; and

Whereas, The following bid was received at 10:00 a.m. on June 24, 2026:

Grimmer Construction, Inc.	$1,377,188.00
Engineer's Estimate	$1,213,250.00

Whereas, NIES Engineering, Inc. has reviewed the bid and determined that the bid of Grimmer Construction, Inc. in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Seventy-seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars and No Cents ($1,377,188.00) to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid; and

Whereas, There are sufficient and available appropriations balances on hand to support the payments under the agreement, pursuant to IC 5-22-17-3(e); and

Whereas, The Redevelopment Commission and the Water Works District have reviewed the Engineer's recommendation and determined that acceptance of the bid is in the best interests of the Town notwithstanding the bid amount exceeding the Engineer's estimate; and

Whereas, The Town of Highland, through its Redevelopment Commission and Water Works District, now desires to accept the bid and award the Project to Grimmer Construction, Inc. in the amount of $1,377,188.00.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Water Works District Board of Directors of the Water Works District and the Commissioners of the Redevelopment Commission of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. That the Bid of Grimmer Construction, Inc. in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Seventy-seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars and No Cents ($1,377,188.00) for the Dual 20-Inch Water Supply Line Replacement Project is hereby accepted as the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

Section 2. That the Water Works District and the Redevelopment Commission shall share in the costs of engineering and construction for the Dual 20-Inch Water Supply Line Replacement Project.

Section 3. That the Water Works District Superintendent is authorized to execute the agreement and all documents necessary to implement the Project, upon execution by all necessary parties.

Duly Adopted, Resolved and Ordered by the Board of Directors of the Water Works District of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 25th day of June, 2026. Having been passed by a vote of _5_ in favor and _0__ opposed.

THE WATER WORKS DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND
BY ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

/s/George A. Smith, President

Attest:

/s/Richard E. Volbrecht, Jr., Secretary

Duly Adopted, Resolved and Ordered by the Redevelopment Commission of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 13th day of July, 2026. Having been passed by a vote of __5_ in favor and _0__ opposed.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

/s/ Alex Robertson, President

Attest:

/s/Philip Scheeringa., Secretary

New Business: None.

Business from the Floor: Director Volbrecht thanked the Board for its patience regarding his inquiry concerning the resolution numbering for the Joint Resolution considered at this meeting.

Director Borowiec expressed his appreciation for the expedited and excellent work by the Public Works Department cleaning up his storm debris in the parkway.

Alex Robertson expressed support for the project and noted the anticipated savings resulting from the coordinated efforts of the Boards.

Comments from the Directors on any Item of Interest to the Directors: None.

Claims:

Per the docket in the amount of:

6101	Water Operating	$303,761.65
6102	Water Works District	$0.00
6104	Consumer Deposits	$20.08
6105	Water Improvement	$20,683.87
6108	Water Capital	$0.00
Total		$324,465.60

Director Borowiec moved to approve the claims per the June 25, 2026, docket in the amount of $324,465.60. Director Phillips seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were (5) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

Next Meeting:

The next Regular Plenary Meeting will be held in person at the Highland Public Works Building on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: With no other business to come before the Board of Water Works Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Webb, Recording Secretary